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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. П Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\infty\$ \$65 \$\infty\$ \$130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed. \Box Also enclosed is/are: Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \(\bigcap \\$ 395 \) \(\bigcap \\$ 790 \) fee due under 37 C.F.R. \(\bigcap \) 1.17(e). \Box Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on ____ for which \Box continued examination is requested. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:				
No additional claim fee is required.				

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	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additi	onal Fee
Total Claims	9	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$	0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)		0
☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)						0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$	0
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee						0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$	0

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 a	uthorized to charge any approp and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may l nt, to Deposit Account No. 02-4	be required by this paper, and

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: